

Rural Planning Organizations

Blue Oval City Community Impact Meeting - March 9, 2022



Rural Planning Organizations – Origin and Purpose

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- Established in 2005 to enhance state and regional level partnerships in rural areas for transportation planning purposes.
- RPOs role is to involve local officials in multimodal transportation planning through a structured process locally and regionally.
- Additional roles of the RPO
 - Provide transportation information to local governments and other organizations
 - Provide a forum for public participation in the transportation planning process
 - Partner with TDOT on the development of Long-Range Transportation Plans
 - Develop and prioritize suggestion for projects to be included in the STIP



Rural Planning Organizations – Implementation

Implementation

- Coordinated through Development Districts in partnership with TDOT's Long Range Planning Division
- 12 RPOs statewide
 - Region 4 Northwest TN RPO; Southwest TN RPO; West TN RPO
- Each RPO is staffed by a Coordinator that works directly in each respective District to assist TDOT with implementation and execution of our stated goals



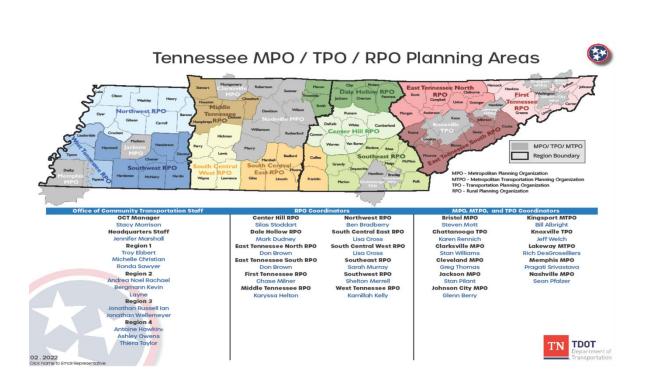
Rural Planning Organizations – Tasks and Projects

RPO - Roles

- Public Facing
 - At minimum two meetings biannually in which Statewide transportation topics are discussed
 - Continual engagement meetings throughout the development district on community specific transportation topics
- Plan Creation
 - Rural Regional Plans
 - SW and W have been completed. NW in progress
 - Rural Planning Initiative
 - Community Transportation Planning Grant
 - OCT led; however, RPOs integral in process from application to adoption
- ODAS
 - Other duties as assigned "WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!"



Office of Community Transportation - Statewide and Region 4 RPOs

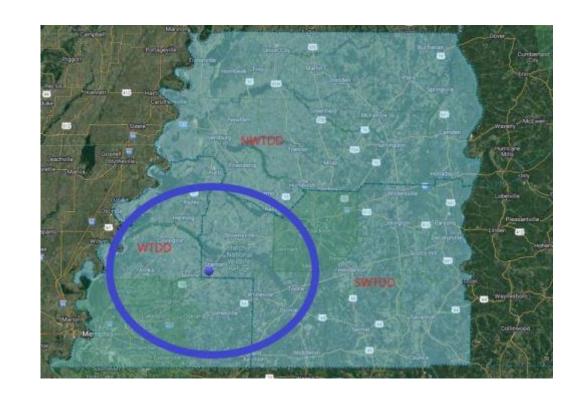






RPO and Blue Oval City

- Located in SW RPO; however,
 Regional opportunities anticipated as a result of Blue Oval City
- Opportunities for planning through TDOT and RPOs





Region 4 RPO Coordinators







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